

HB 1129 -- TAMPERING WITH FARM EQUIPMENT

SPONSOR: McDaniel

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Civil and Criminal Proceedings by a vote of 10 to 0. Voted "Do Pass" by the Select Committee on Judiciary by a vote of 10 to 0.

This bill specifies that an individual commits the offense of tampering with farm equipment if he or she knowingly and without authorization or without reasonable grounds to believe that he or she has authorization defaces, marks, disturbs, or vandalizes any farm equipment owned by another, modifies or destroys any component necessary to the operation of any farm equipment owned by another, or accesses and relocates any farm equipment owned by another. Tampering with farm equipment is a class A misdemeanor unless the offense causes pecuniary loss of more than \$1,000, in which case it is a class D felony if committed before January 1, 2017 and a class E felony if committed on or after January 1, 2017.

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that in many instances certain farm equipment does not fall under the current tampering statutes. This bill will plug a hole in current law.

Testifying for the bill were Representative McDaniel and Missouri Farm Bureau.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.